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In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-15 and add new claims 17-36 as follows:

1-16. (Canceled)

17. (New) An animal travel harness comprising:

- a neck strap adapted to fit around an animal's neck;
 - a body strap adapted to fit around said animal's body and provided with two fixing points, each adapted for attachment to a motor vehicle seat by means of a pair of linkages, each said linkage having a first end adapted to engage with a said fixing point, and a second end adapted for attachment to said seat;
 - a chest strap, interconnecting said neck strap and said body strap, and adapted to embrace said animal's chest;
 - a spine strap, interconnecting said neck strap and said body strap, and adapted to extend along a portion of said animal's spine, said spine strap being provided with a further fixing point adapted to engage with a standard animal exercise lead;
- and wherein said two fixing points are arranged at either side of said body strap between said chest strap and said spine strap.

18. (New) The animal travel harness of claim 17, wherein the neck strap is formed as a generally circular, continuous loop.

19. (New) The animal travel harness of claim 17, wherein the body strap is formed as a generally circular, continuous loop.

20. (New) The animal travel harness of claim 17, wherein the neck strap and the body strap are each formed as a generally circular, continuous loop.

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21. (New) The animal travel harness of claim 17, wherein the neck strap has two free ends, each said end having complementary engagement means to enable said neck strap to be fastened around said animal's neck.

22. (New) The animal travel harness of claim 17, wherein the body strap has two free ends, each said end having complementary engagement means to enable said body strap to be fastened around said animal's body.

23. (New) The animal travel harness of claim 17, wherein the neck strap and the body strap each have two free ends, each said end having complementary engagement means to enable said neck strap to be fastened around said animal's neck, and to enable said body strap to be fastened around said animal's body.

24. (New) The animal travel harness of claim 17, wherein the body strap comprises an upper half strap and a lower half strap, each said half strap having two free ends, each provided with complementary engagement means to enable engagement with said other half strap.

25. (New) The animal travel harness of claim 24, wherein the upper half strap is attached to the spine strap only, and the lower half strap is attached to the chest strap only.

26. (New) The animal travel harness of claim 22, wherein the fixing points are located adjacent the complementary engagement means on the body strap.

27. (New) The animal travel harness of claim 21, wherein each complementary engagement means comprises a quick release clasp mechanism.

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28. (New) The animal travel harness of claim 17, wherein the neck strap and the body strap are adjustable, to accommodate animals of differing sizes.

29. (New) The animal travel harness of claim 17, wherein each strap is adjustable, to accommodate animals of differing sizes.

30. (New) The animal travel harness of claim 17, wherein the chest strap is expanded laterally and padded to provide additional support and comfort to said animal.

31. (New) The animal travel harness as claimed in claim 17, wherein each fixing point comprises a metal ring.

32. (New) An animal restraint system comprising:

- the animal travel harness of claim 17;
- a generally circular belt, adapted for securing to an upright portion of a motor vehicle seat, by extending horizontally around said seat, said belt comprising at least two forwardly-directed fixing points;
- a pair of linkages, each said linkage having a first end adapted to engage with a fixing point on the body strap of said harness, and a second end adapted to engage with a fixing point on the belt.

33. (New) The animal restraint system of claim 32, further comprising a third linkage having a first end adapted to engage with a further fixing point on the spine strap of said harness, and a second end adapted to engage with a third fixing point on the belt.

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34. (New) The animal restraint system of claim 32, wherein each belt fixing point comprises a metal ring, and each linkage is provided at each end thereof with a standard dog lead clip to enable connection of said end to its respective fixing point.

35. (New) The animal restraint system of claim 32, wherein each linkage is adjustable to accommodate animals of differing sizes.

36. (New) The animal restraint system of claim 32, further comprising a coat for said animal, said coat having apertures adapted to receive one or more straps of said harness.